

REMARKS

The office action issued by the Examiner and the citations referred to in the office action have been carefully considered.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected over U.S. Patent No. 5,194,581 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a).

Claim 1 has been amended and Claim 3 has been cancelled such that the Examiner's arguments for rejection are now believed to be moot and the instant application ready for allowance.

New claims 28-32 have support in the specification, specifically in paragraphs [0042] *et seq.*

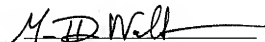
The Applicants have amended claim 6, as upon further review, it appears that R_3 is used twice (in both claim 1 and claim 6). The Applicants hereby have changed the 'R' numbering in claim 6 to R_4 and R_5 to avoid the possibility of ambiguities and to be consistent with the specification.

If further issues exist that need to be resolved, the Applicants request an interview to discuss and resolve these issues.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s), including \$510.00 for a three months extension of time, or to credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account Number 50-2638**. Please ensure that Attorney Docket Number 101568.010100 is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

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